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1. THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN NEW YORK, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THE DELAY IN THEIR START, CONTINUE TO GET TOP PLAY IN THE ATHENS PRESS. REPORTS IN THE PAPERS ARE UNANIMOUS IN BLAMING TURKISH "INTRANSIGENCE" FOR THE CONTINUED DELAY IN STARTING THEM.

2. THE VISIT OF NATO SECGEN LUNS TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK CITY ALSO RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE, EITHER ALONE OR IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CYPRUS STORIES. SOME PAPERS SPECULATE THAT LUNS' VISIT IS DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE FAVORABLY THE U.S. CONGRESS' VOTE ON THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO, WHILE OTHERS ALLEGE THAT HIS VISIT IS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE PROGRESS IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL MEETINGS, THEREBY, AS ONE REPORT STATES, "SAVING THE TALKS."

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